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FOR SECRETARY FROM ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN

1. ON PARIL 26 KING OFFERED SMALL, PRIVATE DINNER AT HIS RABAT PALACE IN HONOR OF GENERAL VERNON WALTERS. PRESENT WERE FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI, CULTURAL AFFARIS MINISTER AND ACTING PRIME MINISTER BAHNINI (FORMER TUTOR AND CONFIDANT), COLONEL-MAJOR DLIMI, CABINET DIRECTOR BENSOUDA, ROYAL PROTOCOL CHIEF MOULAY HAFID ALAOUI AND MYSELF. IN EXTOLLING DICK'S LONG AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, KING ASKED ME TO REPORT TO YOU THAT IF THE COUNTLESS CHIEFS OF STATE WHO KNOW THE GENERAL WERE ASKED THEIR OPINION ABOUT HIS IMPENDING RETIREMENT, THEY WOULD UNANIMOUSLY ASK YOU AND PRESIDENT FORD TO SOMEHOW PERSUADE THIS EXTRAORDINARY PERSONALITY NOT TO RETIRE IN ORDER THAT HIS TALENTS MAY CONTINUE TO BE USED.

2. IN A SPEARTATE CONVERSATION WITH WALTERS, HASSAN SAID HE WAS MOST GREATFUL FOR YOUR PRIVATE LETTER ABOUT OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AND YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME AS INTERLOCUTOR FOR SENSITIVE MESSAGES HE MIGHT WISH TO RELAY TO YOU. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TROUBLE TO SEND THIS LETTER. JUDGING FROM THIS FIRST EVENING WITH KING,

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DICK AND I BOTH BELIEVE IT SHOULD HAVE THE DESIRED

EFFECT. A GRACIOUS, WARM HOST, HASSAN WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR UNITED STATES SUPPORT DURING DIFFICULT PERIODS, AND SAID HIS DOOR WAS OPEN TO ME WHENEVER I WISHED.

3. GENERAL WALTERS WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY HIS FAREWELL TETE-A-TETE CONVERSATION WITH KING. ANDERSON

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